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COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the paper mailed 17 August 2004. Particularly, the paper alleges that an Informational Disclosure Statement was submitted on 18 March 2004. However, this was not a submission of an IDS, but merely a paper requesting a complete Notice of Allowance. The IDS copy attached to the request was originally submitted on 01 October 2002. Attached is a copy of a postcard indicating that the Patent Office received this IDS on 01 October 2002.

Consequently, attached is a copy of the form PTO-1449 originally filed with the IDS. Because the Office received this IDS and it was proper, when filed, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office locate the references, consider them, and return an Examiner-initialed copy of form PTO-1449 to the Applicants. Applicants respectfully submit that no petition is required because the attached papers are merely copies of previously submitted papers, that the Patent Office has failed to acknowledge.

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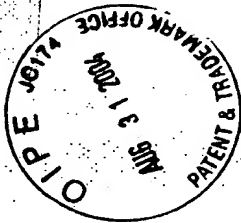
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